

## Abstract

In a card reader comprising a card stop 4 for a card 2 inserted into the card reader, the card stop 4 is rotatable out of the card path about an axis of rotation 6 extending transverse to the card path, and is rotatably coupled to an arm 9 which is deflectable about an axis of rotation 8 extending transverse to the card path and is pretensioned into a pivoting position engaging in the card path in the card inserting direction 3 behind the card stop 4. Insertion of a card deflects the arm against the action of a restoring force from the card path thereby also turning the card stop out of the card path. If a card of insufficient length is stuck in the card reader, it is pushed further by the inserted card and passes the deflected, i.e. effectless, card stop and is discharged from the card reader.

(Fig. 2a)